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Thursday, July 29, 2021.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

## *Silent Prayer.*

At the request of Representatives Biele of Boston and Murphy of Weymouth, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Leo D. Stapleton, a graduate of South Boston High School.

Leo D.  
Stapleton.

Mr. Stapleton served in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater of World War II. He was assigned to Task Force 58 for two campaigns and was discharged in 1946.

In 1951, Mr. Stapleton joined the Boston Fire Department and went on to serve as a lieutenant, captain, district chief, and deputy chief. He was named Commissioner of the Boston Fire Department in 1984 and served as both Commissioner and Chief of Department until his retirement in 1991.

An author of nearly a dozen books, Mr. Stapleton was a national leader in advancing firefighter safety, particularly respiratory protection. He served on numerous fire service committees and was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from Fire Engineering in 2006 for his contributions to the American fire service.

He was the son of the late John V. and Florence (McDonough) Stapleton and brother of the late Ruth E. McCole, John H. and Edward D. Stapleton. He was the beloved husband of the late Doris M. (White) Stapleton, and the devoted father of Leo D., Jr. and his wife Kathy, Edward J., Garrett M., Jennifer A. Salman and her late husband Scott, Amanda R. Sullivan and her husband Gene, and Gail. He is survived by his 13 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

## *Statement of Representative Kilcoyne of Northborough.*

A statement of Ms. Kilcoyne of Northborough was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Wednesday, July 28, because I was taking the Massachusetts Bar Examination. If I could have been present for yesterday's sitting, I would have voted in the affirmative on all of the roll calls taken during the session. My missing of roll calls yesterday was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of  
Ms. Kilcoyne  
of North-  
borough.

*Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Matthew Russell Duthaler on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Matthew  
Duthaler.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Alexander Matthew Koppel on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Alexander  
Koppel.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating John Frederick Wheeler on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

John  
Wheeler.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Special Report.*

A report of the Special Commission to Study Civil Asset Forfeiture Policies and Practices in the Commonwealth (under Section 90 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting a final report of its findings and recommendations, was placed on file.

Civil asset  
forfeiture.

*Petitions.*

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, February 19, 2021) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Mr. Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4026) of Russell E. Holmes relative to requiring informed consent for marijuana testing at certain health care facilities. To the committee on Cannabis Policy.

Marijuana,—  
testing.

By Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4027) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and Vanna Howard relative to public accommodations for individuals with verbal communication impairments. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Communication  
impairments,—  
accommodations.

By Ms. Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4028) of Chynah Tyler for legislation to establish within the Department of Housing and Community Development a commission to review equitable city planning and development. To the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses.

City planning,—  
commission.

By Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4029) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf relative to algorithmic accountability and bias prevention in the protection of consumers.

Consumers,—  
algorithms.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4030) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and others relative to streamlining licensure, compliance, and contracting opportunities.

Licensure.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

By Ms. Elugardo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 4031) of Nika C. Elugardo for legislation to establish financial welfare, housing security and discrimination protection for college students during the COVID-19

Higher  
education,—  
student

pandemic. To the committee on Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management.	protections.
By Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4032) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and others for legislation to establish within the Department of Education a pilot program for early education and care at public high schools and community colleges. To the committee on Education.	Public schools,— early education and care.
By Mr. Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4033) of Russell E. Holmes relative to special election scheduling. To the committee on Election Laws.	Special elections.
By Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4034) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and others relative to insulin access. To the committee on Financial Services.	Insulin,— access.
By Ms. Nguyen of Andover, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4035) of Tram T. Nguyen, Marcos A. Devers and Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to providing for municipal meeting postponement due to inclement weather. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.	Municipal meetings,— postponement.
By Representatives Higgins of Leominster and Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4036) of Natalie M. Higgins, Jack Patrick Lewis and others relative to burial alternatives that protect the environment. To the committee on Public Health.	Burials.
By Mr. Capano of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4037) of Peter Capano and others relative to authorizing the creation of unarmed mobile crisis response teams in gateway cities.	Gateway cities,— crisis teams.
By Mr. Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4038) of David Paul Linsky and Michelle M. DuBois relative to banning semi-automatic firearms.	Semi-automatic firearms.
By Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4039) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and Vanna Howard relative to 911 emergency response time reporting.	Emergencies,— response time.
Severally to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.	
By Mr. Robertson of Tewksbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4040) of David Allen Robertson and Jack Patrick Lewis that the State Retirement Board be authorized to grant certain creditable service to Stephen Gerald Roche for retirement purposes. To the committee on Public Service.	Stephen Roche,— retirement.
By Mr. Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4042) of Russell E. Holmes relative to establishing a tax for online advertising.	Online advertising.
By Mr. Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4041) of Adam J. Scanlon and others relative to establishing a senior property tax deferral pilot program.	Senior property taxes.
Severally to the committee on Revenue.	
By Mr. Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4043) of Russell E. Holmes relative to establishing the executive office of structural racism. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.	Structural racism.
By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4044) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to solar energy deployment in the Commonwealth.	Solar energy.
By Ms. Uyterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4045) of Erika Uyterhoeven, Mike Connolly and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to provide universal arrearage relief to the ratepayers of the Commonwealth to address utility debts as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic emergency.	Utility debts,— arreage relief.
Severally to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.	

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth I. Gordon relative to the Office of the State Climatologist within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

State climatologist.

#### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the joint petition of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize persons sixteen years of age or older to vote in town elections in the town of Wendell. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Wendell,—  
town  
elections.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to promote student nutrition (House, No. 715), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill promoting student nutrition (House, No. 3999). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Student  
nutrition.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

#### *Recess.*

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at nine minutes after three o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

##### House bills

Designating a certain bridge in the towns of Middleborough and Carver as the medal of honor bridge (House, No. 3476);

Relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Arlington (House, No. 3754);

Authorizing Justin Brown to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the town of Arlington (House, No. 3755); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Christina Ruccio, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department (House, No. 3927);

Third  
reading  
bills.

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Recess.*

At twenty minutes after three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-three minutes before five o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At twenty-one minutes before five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.